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October 14, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. RMD1946092 - Parkway Tree Planting, Maintenance District 1, 2001/02, in the southeast area of Los Angeles County (1, 4, and 5), Azteca Landscape, with changes in the amount of \$8,840.00, and a final contract amount of \$111,585.00.

Project ID No. RMD4446001 - Parkway Tree Trimming, MD 4 Palm Trees, 2002/03, vicinities of Monterey Park, Compton, and Whittier (1, 2, and 4), George Salinas Tree Preservation, with changes in the amount of \$3,330.00, and a final contract amount of \$21,960.00.

Project ID No. RMD4946005 - Parkway Tree Planting, Maintenance District 4, in the southeast area of Los Angeles County (1, 2, and 4), Azteca Landscape, with changes amounting to a credit of \$9,495.00, and a final contract amount of \$111,555.00.

Project ID No. RMD5547075 - Sundial Court, et al., Slurry Seal 2002/2003, vicinities of Palmdale and Littlerock (5), Bond Blacktop, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$1,233.75, and a final contract amount of \$158,503.05.

Project ID No. SMDACO0081 - Washington Boulevard, et al., Sanitary Sewers, City of Commerce (1), A. D. General Engineering Construction, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$4,627.50, and a final contract amount of \$424,834.16.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. RMD1946092, RMD4446001, RMD4946005, RMD5547075, and SMDACO0081.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$9,495.00 to an increase in the amount of \$8,840.00, while the total values of the contracts range from \$21,960.00 to \$424,834.16.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1946092, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE
DISTRICT 1, 2001/02 (in the southeast area of Los Angeles County),
Supervisory Districts 1, 4, and 5

Contractor: Azteca Landscape, 1910 South Archibald Avenue, Suite N, Ontario,
California 91766

Project Description:

Furnish and plant parkway trees on an as-needed basis.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$8,840.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 22, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$ 97,945.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	4,800.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>8,840.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u><u>\$111,585.00</u></u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4446001, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, MD 4 PALM TREES, 2002/03 (in the vicinities of Monterey Park, Compton, and Whittier),
Supervisory Districts 1, 2, and 4

Contractor: George Salinas Tree Preservation, P.O. Box 84, Placentia, California 92871

Project Description:

Trimming of parkway trees.

Change in Work:

Additional Tree Trimming and Removal	\$3,330.00
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Description of Change:

It was necessary to trim or remove 113 additional trees that were not shown on the plans. The cost for this work was based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of this change.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 14, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$18,630.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>3,330.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$21,960.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4946005, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE
DISTRICT 4 (in the southeast area of Los Angeles County), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

Contractor: Azteca Landscape, 1910 South Archibald Avenue, Suite N, Ontario,
California 91766

Project Description:

Furnish and plant parkway trees on an as-needed basis.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$33,345.00)
(2) Tree Well Covers	<u>23,850.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>9,495.00</u>)

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities

(2) New tree well covers were required for 53 trees along Cesar Chavez Avenue. This work was not included in the original contract.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 31, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$121,050.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(9,495.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$111,555.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5547075, SUNDIAL COURT, ET AL., SLURRY SEAL
2002/2003 (in the vicinities of Palmdale and Littlerock), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Bond Blacktop, Inc., 1147 Atlantic Street, Union City, California 94587

Project Description:

Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

Change in Work:

Overtime Inspection (\$1,233.75)

Description of Change:

The contractor requested 23.5 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 24, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$144,000.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	15,736.80
Change in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(1,233.75)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$158,503.05</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)
October 14, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0081, WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS (City of Commerce), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: A. D. General Engineering Construction, Inc., 2829 North Glenoaks Boulevard, Suite 106, Burbank, California 91504

Project Description:

Construction of mainline sewers.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$4,050.00)
(2) Overtime Inspection	<u>(577.50)</u>
Total	(\$ <u>4,627.50</u>)

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The contractor requested 11 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The costs for Item 1 were based on the contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was stipulated in the contract specifications.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on January 3, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

In addition, the County and the contractor are currently negotiating the resolution of an outstanding claim submitted by the contractor. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that all retention be released. Once the claim is resolved, we will provide your Board with our recommendation for final acceptance of the work for this contract.

Amount Due Contractor at This Time:

Original contract amount	\$285,067.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	144,394.66
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(4,627.50)</u>
AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$424,834.16</u>

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